

## **HOPE VI: Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing**

Eradication of severely distressed public housing.

**Nature of Program:** In 1989, Congress established the National Commission on Severely Distressed Public Housing and charged this Commission with proposing a National Action Plan to eradicate severely distressed public housing by the year 2000. The Urban Revitalization Demonstration (URD) program, or HOPE VI, is a program that was born out of the Commission's work. Since 1993, this program has been an important part of the transformation of public housing by encouraging public housing agencies (PHAs) to seek new partnerships with private entities to create mixed-finance and mixed-income affordable housing. In 2003, the HOPE VI program was expanded to assist local governments in the production of affordable housing in Main Street rejuvenation projects. The activities permitted under HOPE VI include, but are not limited to: the capital costs of demolition, major reconstruction, rehabilitation, and other physical improvements; the provision of replacement housing; management improvements; planning and technical assistance; and the provision of supportive services (including the funding, beginning in Fiscal Year 2000, of an endowment trust for supportive services).

The program allows HUD to provide competitive grants to PHAs to carry out HOPE VI-eligible activities. PHAs provide matching contributions in amounts at least equal to five percent of the grant amount.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Public housing agencies and, for Main Street Grants only, "smaller communities" as defined in Section 24(n).

**Legal Authority:** Section 24 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v).

**Administering Office:** Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing,  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

**Information Sources:** Administering office; Office of Public Housing Investments.  
On the Web: [www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/about/description.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/about/description.cfm)

**Current Status:** Active.